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Back to the 'Summit'?

The armament deal between Egypt and the Communist bloc certainly must have come as no surprise to Western foreign offices, even if they did say so for public consumption and purposes of psychological effect. Nor should reports that Russia is engineering other such offers among the Arab countries. The case history shows this sort of performance to be normal Communist behavior.

It does not take much remembering to recall the fact that when Guatemala was in the foment of revolution a while ago shipments of arms from the Red Czechoslovakian government to the Communists planted in Guatemala was a primary factor in developing the crisis that drove them from power. The Red hand with the extra gun has appeared elsewhere in this hemisphere, just as it did in other countries of the world before they were snatched behind the Iron Curtain.

Allen W. Dulles, director of the Central Intelligence Agency, said the other day there is "increasing evidence" the Communists are offering arms to a number of Western Hemisphere countries. When one considers the Kremlin came within an ace of succeeding with its subversive project in Guatemala, is it any surprise to see the Moscow biggies trying again? The difference in the Egyptian version of the technique seems to be that the Reds think this gimmick is so good at creating the chaos upon which they must depend to gain power that they have the brass to pull it in the open. That is, after the necessary subversive preliminaries have been completed.

The solution of the problem, which lies in general world disarmament, is a tough enough nut to crack without squandering time and energy on these obviously false expressions of surprise. If the foreign ministers at Geneva can't make any headway, let's go back to the "summit" and get the cards on the table.